Several suggestions for the extension of the Electric power supply have been put forward. A scheme of demonstrations on the possibilities of converting single crop lands into double crop lands has been approved and one such unit has already been started at Karumalloor, in Parur taluk. It is, at present, too early to gauge the results of the work.

The Department of Agriculture has been conducting several demonstrations every year, in various parts of the State, of improvements upon the cultivation technique followed by agriculturists, with a view to effect increase in the outturn of their crops. A perusal of the administration reports of the Department will furnish more detailed information on the subject.

Kayamkulam-Muttom Road.

11 [24.]* **Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapalli, Karthikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any sum has been allotted for the current year for gravelling and maintenance of the Kayamkulam-Muttom road ;

(*b*) if so, how much for each item ; and

(*c*) if not, why not ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) No amount has been allotted for gravelling the Kayamkulam-Muttom road for the year 1117 M. E. although there is sanction for a maintenance grant for the same.

(*b*) Rs. 58 for maintenance and nil for works.

(*c*) The question of improvements to the road is being referred to the P. W. D. Advisory Committee.

Bridge at Pathiyoor.

12. [25] ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any estimate for putting up a bridge at Pathiyoor to the west of the Pathiyoor temple on the Kayamkulam-Muttom road was called for ;

(*b*) whether it was prepared ;

(*c*) if so, when ; and

(*d*) what action was taken on it ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) and (*d*) Do not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

Construction of dams in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

13 [27.] ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of dams proposed to be constructed by them in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme ;

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[Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe.]

(*b*) the place where each of them is proposed to be constructed ;

(*c*) the amount with which and the time within which they expect to complete each dam ;

(*d*) the dams in respect of which work has already been begun ;

(*e*) the daily average number of labourers in the workspots of each dam ;

(*f*) of these, the works entrusted to contractors and those taken up departmentally ;

(*g*) the number of contractors employed for the work in connection therewith and the estimated cost of the works entrusted to each ; and

(*h*) whether any item of the above work is proposed to be entrusted to any company outside the State ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon (*Electrical Engineer to Government*) : (*a*) Two dams.

(*b*) One at Kundaly and the other at Madupatty.

(*c*) The Dam at Kundaly is estimated to cost Rs. 32 lakhs and is expected to be completed in 3 years. The cost of the other dam is not yet estimated and it is expected to be completed in 6 years.

(*d*) Work on the Kundaly Dam has begun.

(*e*) About 2000.

(*f*) All works are departmental in character and carried out through piece work contracts.

(*g*) The *list is placed on the table.

(*h*) It has not yet been decided whether any work need be entrusted to an outside agency.

Levy of fee under the old Motor Vehicles Act.

14 [32.] ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that they even now levy the fee under the old Motor Vehicles Act for the transfer of ownership of Motor vehicles ; and

(*b*) if so, whether they are in order now that the new Motor Vehicles Act was passed ?

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy (*Inspector-General of Police*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (a).

Paddy farm at Thiruppathisaram.

15 [33.] ***Mr. V. Chellam Pillai** (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the year or the date on which the paddy farm at Thiruppathisaram, Nanjinad, was opened ;

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Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 13 [27].**

Serial No.	*Name of contractors.*		*Amount. (Approximate)*
1	Mr. C. O. Korah	...	1,000
2	,, Abraham Chandy	...	2,000
3	,, K. V. Thomas		13,300
4	,, C. U. Varkey	..	20,000
5	,, N. O. Francis	...	5,000
6	,, C. U. Chacko	..	32,000
7	,, K. E. Unny	...	2,850
8	,, I. C. George	...	2,850
9	,, K. P. Cheekutty	...	18,200
10	,, K. P. Augustin	...	1,000
11	,, V. Joseph Elenjikal	...	11,700
12	,, C. J. Itty	...	1,350
13	,, P. K. Lukose	...	3,520
14	,, P. C. Mathew	...	13,680
15	,, P. C. Paul	...	2,670
16	,, Mathew Philipose	...	300
17	,, Francis Luiz	—	8,550
18	,, P. S. John	...	2,780
19	,, Mathew John	—	10,500
20	Messrs. K. D. H. P. Co., Ltd	...	86,000

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